

Wenatchee Fire & Rescue 2010 Annual Report



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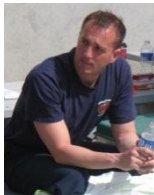
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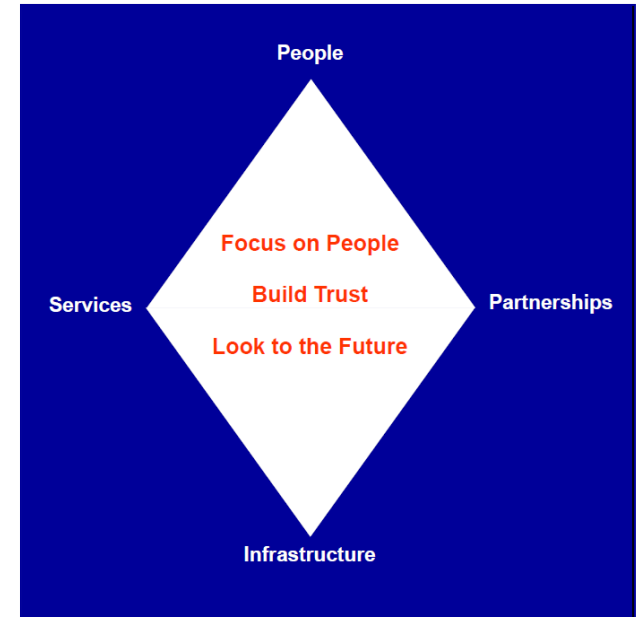


Fire Chief's Message

Under the direction of the Mayor and City Council, it is my privilege to submit to the citizens and community of Wenatchee the 2010 annual report with the performance, activities and accomplishments of the Fire & Rescue Department including statistical information on the department's services.

During the budget challenges of 2010 the Fire & Rescue Department has been committed to keep the level of service to the community as the highest priority. Unfortunately, in the past two years the budget reductions have resulted in the loss of four fire suppression personnel and drastic reductions in the department's operational funding. At the end of 2010 the collaborative efforts of the labor and management team implemented an aggressive restructure of the department's organization and operations to maintain the staffing, deployment, and service levels within the City.

The department's administration and labor force remain committed to the fundamental principles of our organization.



Chief Stan Smoke

To “focus on people”, because **the people of our department are our most important resource** for the quality and level of services we provide and because **the people of our community are the reason we exist.**

To “build trust” because **trust is essential** within the department, in the community we serve, and in the partnerships we develop with other city departments and public safety agencies.

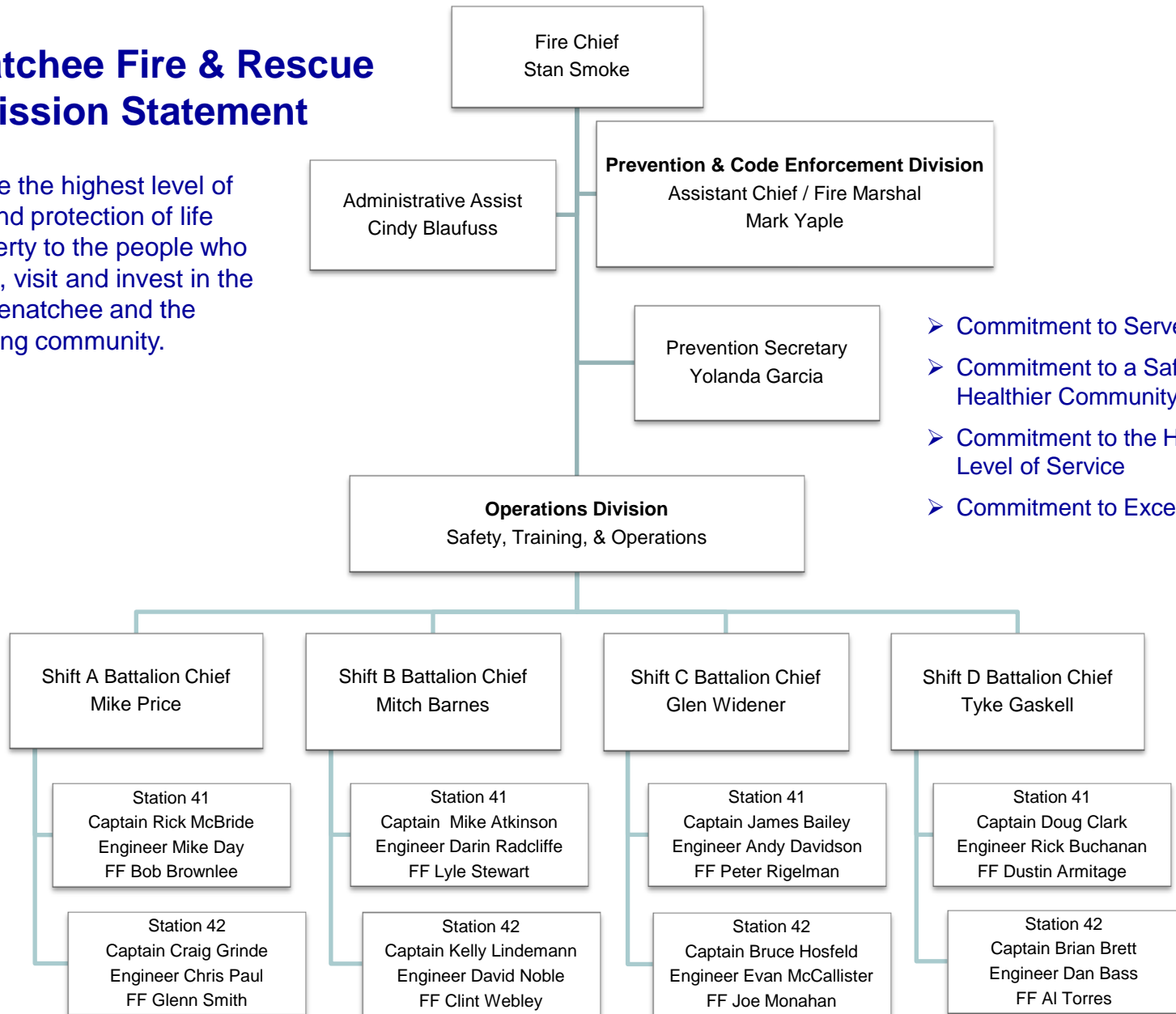
And to “look to the future” because it reminds us **that the challenges of today are opportunities we can use to shape our future.** As 2010 comes to an end the department is exploring the possibilities and opportunities of developing a Regional Fire Authority with its neighboring fire districts.

During this past year it has been an honor for me to be part of this dedicated team. Together we will to learn from the past, inspire our creativity and re-energize our commitment to meet the service needs of our community.

Wenatchee Fire & Rescue

Mission Statement

To provide the highest level of service and protection of life and property to the people who live, work, visit and invest in the City of Wenatchee and the surrounding community.



- Commitment to Serve
- Commitment to a Safer and Healthier Community
- Commitment to the Highest Level of Service
- Commitment to Excellence

2010 & 2011 Responsibility and Accountability Model

Safety, Training, & Operations

Apparatus, Equipment & Facilities

A Shift Battalion Chief

Health & Safety / EMS / PPE

B Shift Battalion Chief

Training Requirements & Records

C Shift Battalion Chief

Communications & Technology

D Shift Battalion Chief

Fire Chief

Administration

Department Communications
Department Budget
Department Policies
Department Planning
Cooperative Services

Personnel & Discipline

Emergency Management

CEMP Maintenance
EM Training and Exercises
Regional Participation

Assistant Chief / Fire Marshal

Prevention & Code Enforcement

Prevention

Code Enforcement
Plan Reviews
Inspection Programs
Pre-Incident Planning
Public Education
Hydrant Maintenance
Fire Investigations
Regional Investigation Council

Administrative Assistant

Clerical / Administration Support
Department Communications
Computer / Technical Support
Budget Administration
Training Records

Prevention Secretary

Reception
Clerical / Department Support
Prevention Program & Records
Firehouse Records & Reports

A Shift Battalion Chief

Shift Manning, Assignments, Schedules
Shift Training, Career Development, Records
Incident Management, Reports
Fire Investigations & Reports
Shift Inspections, Prevention Assignments

Apparatus, Equipment, Facilities Officer
Liaison with City Shop (Fleets & Facilities)
Apparatus Repairs & Maintenance
Equipment Programs & Maintenance
Facilities Supplies & Maintenance

B Shift Battalion Chief

Shift Manning, Assignments, Schedules
Shift Training, Career Development, Records
Incident Management, Reports
Fire Investigations & Reports
Shift Inspections, Prevention Assignments

Health & Safety Officer

Safety Officer (WAC 296-305-01507)
Exposure Control Officer (WAC 296-823)
Emergency Medical Services Officer
Personal Protective Equipment

C Shift Battalion Chief

Shift Manning, Assignments, Schedules
Shift Training, Career Development, Records
Incident Management, Reports
Fire Investigations & Reports
Shift Inspections, Prevention Assignments

Training Officer

Requirements & Records
Planning & Coordination
Technical Rescue Programs
Regional/Joint Training Representative

D Shift Battalion Chief

Shift Manning, Assignments, Schedules
Shift Training, Career Development, Records
Incident Management, Reports
Fire Investigations & Reports
Shift Inspections, Prevention Assignments

Communications Officer

Radio Communications
Firehouse Reporting System
Computer/Technology Programs
RiverCom Operations Representative

Wenatchee Fire & Rescue Personnel



Fire Chief
Stan Smoke



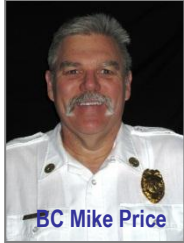
Administrative Assistant
Cindy Blaufuss



Prevention Secretary
Yolanda Garcia



Assistant Chief Fire Marshal
Mark Yapple



A Shift

BC Mike Price



B Shift

BC Mitch Barnes



C Shift

BC Glen Widener



D Shift

BC Tyke Gaskin



Captain
Craig Grinde



Captain
Rick McBride



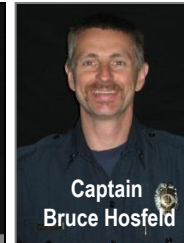
Captain
Mike Atkinson



Captain
Kelly Lindemann



Captain
James Bailey



Captain
Bruce Hosfeld



Captain
Doug Clark



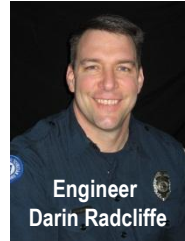
Captain
Brian Brett



Engineer
Chris Paul



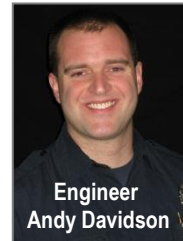
Engineer
Mike Day



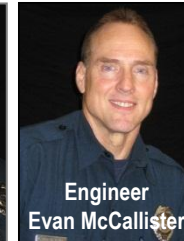
Engineer
Darin Radcliffe



Engineer
Dave Noble



Engineer
Andy Davidson



Engineer
Evan McCallister



Engineer
Rick Buchanan



Engineer
Dan Bass



Firefighter
Glenn Smith



Firefighter
Bob Brownlee



Firefighter
Clint Webley



Firefighter
Lyle Stewart



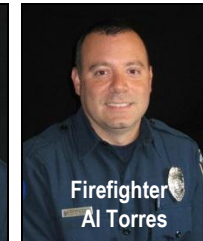
Firefighter
Peter Rigelman



Firefighter
Joe Monahan



Firefighter
Dustin Armitage



Firefighter
Al Torres

Wenatchee Fire & Rescue Personnel



Engineer Kirk Hinkley retired in July of 2010 after nearly 25 years with Wenatchee Fire & Rescue. Kirk was hired in December, 1985 and promoted to the rank of Engineer in July, 1991.



Dan Bass was promoted to the rank of Engineer in July, 2010.



Firefighter Dave Voss left the department and moved from the area to be closer to his family. He had been with the department since February, 2006.

2010 marked 33 years of service to the city for Battalion Chief Mitch Barnes.



Battalion Chief Glen Widener and Battalion Chief Mike Price were recognized in 2010 for completing 30 years of service with Wenatchee Fire & Rescue.

Fire Administration provides direction and management of the Department. Goals and objectives were developed to guide the Department toward improvement and efficiencies in important administrative functions and programs.

Direction:

Planning - Work Plan

The annual work plan is a management tool that sets direction for program and service levels. It is a management-by-objective plan that ensures accountability, budget planning, current policies and procedures, and specific action plans to monitor the progress of our goals and objectives. Work Plan goals, objectives and action plans were developed for specific areas of operation:

- Administration
- Prevention
- Emergency Management
- Health & Safety
- Emergency Medical Services
- Apparatus, Equipment, & Facilities
- Training Programs & Records
- Communications & Technology

Cooperative Services

The department continued to strengthen cooperation and partnerships with area public safety agencies through regular interagency meetings, training, and exercises.



Policies & Procedures

2010 updates included:

- Personnel Rules & Regulations
- Debit Days & Overtime Procedures
- Response Standards
- RiverCom Dispatch Procedures
- Incident Safety Officer
- Incident Command System
- Radio Communications
- Stormwater Discharge Management & Mitigation



Fire Administration

Reflection:

Annual Report

The Annual Report highlights the performance, activities and accomplishments of the department. Efficiency and effectiveness are illustrated throughout the report with a variety of performance measures.

- General Information
- Spending and Staffing (Inputs)
- Work Load (Outputs)
- Results (Outcomes)



Budget

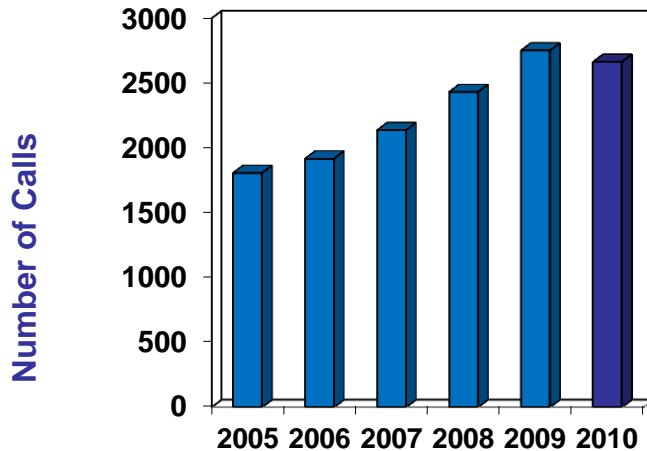
One of the department's budget objectives is to seek funding alternatives to help counter budget cuts and maintain the Fire & Rescue services and programs.

2010 Alternative Funding Sources

Assistance to Firefighter Grant	Personal Protective Equipment	\$64,960
Washington State Patrol	State Mobilization	9,341
State Farm Insurance	Smoke Detector Grant	3,600
Roger Eminson Fund	Large Screen RiverCom Monitors	3,208
Alcoa	Training Contract	2,967
Department of Health	EMS Pre-hospital Grant	2,186
Washington State Patrol	State Fire Marshal Training Reimbursement	1,233
Lillian Preble Bequest	Fire Pole Repair	1,000
North Central EMS Council	Training Reimbursement	500
Conference Scholarships & Negotiated Registrations		4,375
		\$93,370

Fire Administration

Call Volume & Types of Calls

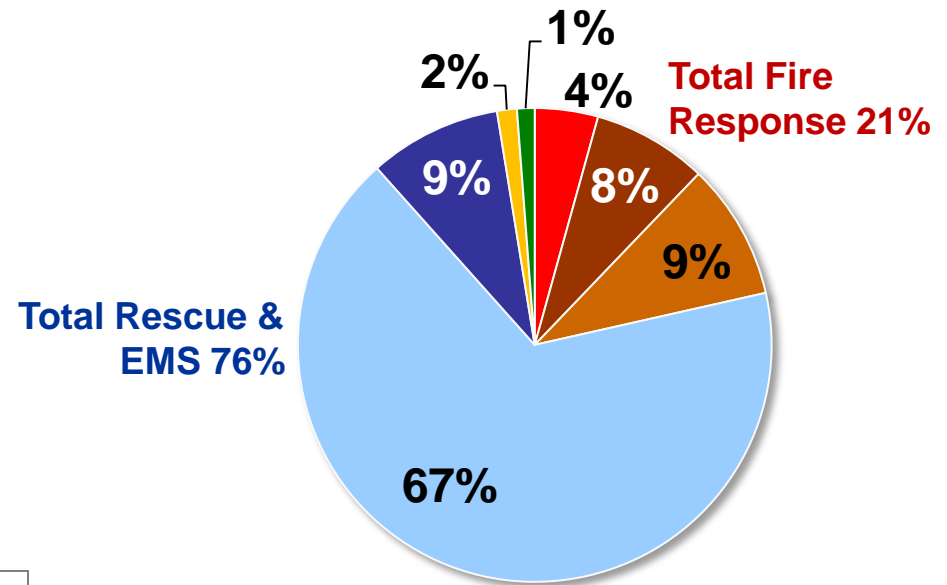


Call Volume

There were 2,664 calls for service during 2010

Automatic and Mutual Aid Agreements

	CCFD #1	DCFD #2
Automatic Aid		
Received	78	64
Given	94	64
Mutual Aid		
Received	1	2
Given	4	4



Types of Calls

Rescue and Emergency Medical Services	2,024
Emergency Medical Services	1,783
Motor Vehicle Injury Accidents	241
Fire Responses	572
Structure Fires	115
Fire Responses – Other (1)	209
Fire Alarms	248
Hazardous Materials	36
Other (2)	32

- (1) Fire Response – Other includes vehicle fires, grass fires, chimney fires, etc.
- (2) "Other" includes service calls, good intents, complaints
- (3) 2010 Estimated total property loss \$1.29 million

Fire Administration

Budget and Personnel Comparison

	Budget	Population	Cost per Capita	Career Firefighters	Firefighters per 1000
Wenatchee	3,714,689	31,120	\$119	30	1.0
Bremerton*	8,143,900	36,190	\$225	43	1.2
Longview	6,314,930	36,100	\$175	45	1.2
Mount Vernon	4,626,136	31,020	\$149	36	1.2
Pasco	4,174,624	56,300	\$74	35	0.6
Pullman	4,113,899	27,920	\$147	31	1.1
Walla Walla	4,982,180	31,770	\$157	34	1.1
Comparable Average Cost			\$150		1.0

Wenatchee:

The cost of fire service protection per capita in 2010 was \$119. This figure is based on the 2010 Fire & Rescue Department budget of \$3,714,389 and a population of 31,120.

Comparable Cities:
The average cost of fire service protection per capita for comparison cities in 2010 was \$150.

Wenatchee:

The number of career firefighters per 1,000 population in 2010 was 1.0. This figure is based on 30 career firefighters and a population of 31,120

Comparable Cities:
The average number of career firefighters in comparison cities during 2010 was also 1.0

**EMS budget is included*

Fire Administration

Response Time Standard Report

Response time performance standards are an important method of measuring service levels to our community.

Washington State legislation (RCW 35.103) requires city departments to establish response time performance standards for certain major services and report the outcomes annually.

This table illustrates the required response standards and 2010 outcomes.

	Standard	2009 Outcomes	2010 Outcomes
Fire Response Turnout Time: 90 Seconds	90%	89%	90%
Fire Response First Engine: 5 minutes	90%	93%	92%
Full Alarm Fire Response: 8 minutes	90%	95%	92%
Emergency Medical Turnout Time: 60 Seconds	90%	91%	91%
Emergency Medical Response: 5 minutes	90%	93%	93%
Emergency Medical (ALS): 10 minutes	80%	95%	95%
Motor Vehicle Response: 5 minutes	90%	98%	97%
Hazmat (Operations): 5 minutes	90%	84%	86%
Hazmat (Technician): 5 hours	90%	None *	None *

Response Time Performance Issues

Legislative Intent

1. "The arrival of first responders with automatic external defibrillator capability before the on-set of brain death, and the arrival of adequate fire suppression resources before flashover is a critical event during the mitigation of an emergency, and is in the public's best interest."

Response Time Analysis

1. The 2010 response time performance outcomes meet and exceed standards and are consistent with the 2009 performance outcomes.
2. The repair of Station 41 fire poles and the purchase and installation of large screen monitors for advanced call notification did not significantly improve the turnout time.
3. Four consistent factors causing response times exceeding five minutes include: travel distance, rush hour traffic congestion, weather conditions, and 2nd station responses (distance).

Private Ambulance Providers

1. Data to verify the minimum response times for Advanced Life Support (ALS) (patient care procedure response time) established by the Regional EMS and Trauma Care Council and approved by the State Department of Health was provided by the two private ambulance providers (Ballard and Lifeline Ambulance Service).
2. The average response times of the private ambulance companies in the City limits is under five minutes.

***Technical Hazardous Materials Response** - There were no technician level hazardous materials response teams requested in 2010.

Plan of Action

1. Continue monthly data reports to promote accountability and continued response time improvement.

Emergency Management Training & Exercises



In September Wenatchee Emergency Management coordinated the Chelan/Douglas LEPC hazmat and decontamination training and exercises to promote interagency training, communication, and incident management cooperation during hazardous materials incidents that involve decontamination of multiple victims. Pre-exercise training for fire, EMS, and hospital personnel and the three exercise scenarios involved emergency field (gross) decontamination of multiple victims, transportation of the patients, and deployment of the mass de-con tents at hospital facilities.

Pandemic Event

In April the Region 7 Healthcare Coalition (public health, hospitals, emergency management, and emergency medical services) conducted a tabletop exercise of a major pandemic event at the Wenatchee Convention Center. The exercise tested interoperable communications; inter-facility mutual aid agreements for hospital and EMS personnel; ordering, tracking and management; and alternative care facility management plans.



Organization of emergency or disaster response activities follows the National Incident Management System (NIMS) developed by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).



In 2010 four new compliance courses were completed by City personnel:

- IS 704 - NIMS Communications and Information Management
- IS 701- Multiagency Coordination Systems
- IS 702 - NIMS Public Information
- IS 703 - NIMS Resource Management

Emergency Planning for Special Needs Communities

In June Wenatchee Emergency Management initiated and co-hosted the FEMA course “Emergency Planning for Special Needs Communities” with Chelan County Emergency Management.



Pangborn Airport Exercise

In November a joint training exercise was held at Pangborn Airport. The training included information on accessing the airport grounds which are completely enclosed per federal regulations.

Safety, Training & Operations Mandated & Department Training

Firefighter Safety

Respiratory Protection
Asbestos Awareness
Hazard Communication
Hearing Conservation
Passport Accountability
Bloodborne / Airborne Pathogens

The Safety, Training, and Operations Division is responsible for the readiness of Department resources and provides Department personnel with the training necessary to competently and safely respond to a broad range of emergencies.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

SCBA Monthly & Quarterly Competencies
PPE Equipment Training & Limitations
SCBA Annual Training
SCBA Mask Fit Testing



Fire Suppression

Strategy & Tactics
Live Fire Training
Search & Rescue
Salvage & Overhaul
Rapid Intervention Teams
Incident Command



Special Operations

Wildland Firefighting
Shore-Based Water Rescue
Confined Space Awareness
High & Low Angle Rope Rescue
Hazardous Materials Operations
Trench Rescue Awareness

Emergency Medical Technician

On-going Training & Evaluation
Mass Casualty Incidents



Safety, Training & Operations

Joint Department Training



- High Rise Training
- Incident Command & Communications
- May Day Emergency Communications
- Rapid Intervention Teams
- Wildland Firefighting Safety & Tactics
- Hybrid Vehicle Extrication
- Live Fire House Burn Operations
- Live Fire Training Flashover Trailer
- Hazmat & Mass Decontamination



Safety, Training & Operations

Structure Fire Training



Numerous state conferences and workshops are held in the Wenatchee area each year. One of the most cost-effective strategies for promoting personnel career development with limited training funds is through the Department's active participation in hosting and attending local training and educational opportunities.

Wenatchee Area Conferences

Washington State Fire Training and Safety Officers 2010 Conference
Washington State Firefighter Association 2010 Fire School & Conference
Washington State Local Emergency Planning Committee Conference
Washington State Fire Chief Hazmat & Special Operations Conference
Washington Fire Investigation Conference



Safety, Training & Operations

Hazardous Materials Training

Hazardous materials incidents encompass a wide variety of potential situations including fires, spills, transportation accidents, chemical reactions, explosions and similar events.

Local industry, agriculture and related rail and highway transportation in the Wenatchee area create an increasing concern for hazardous material releases and the risk to community health, safety, property, and the environment.

In September the Department's quarterly hazmat training was incorporated into the Chelan/Douglas LEPC exercise to promote interagency cooperation during hazardous materials incidents involving decontamination of multiple victims. Three scenarios were used over three days of training:

September 13 - BNSF Tank Car (Acetone)

September 14 - Agriculture / Chemical (Ammonia)

September 15 - Delivery Truck Accident (Methyl Bromide)

Wenatchee Fire and Rescue personnel are trained to the **first responder operations level** (WAC 296-62-3112). Personnel train quarterly to maintain response readiness and skill competencies. They respond to the releases of hazardous substances for the purpose of protecting nearby persons, property, or the environment from the effects of the release. They are trained to respond in a defensive fashion to contain the release from a safe distance, keep it from spreading, and protect exposures.



Stemilt Ammonia Training Drill

Safety, Training & Operations

Technical Rescue Programs

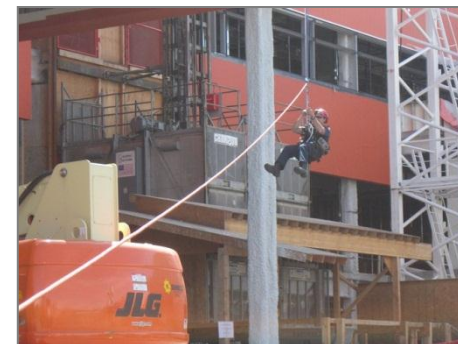
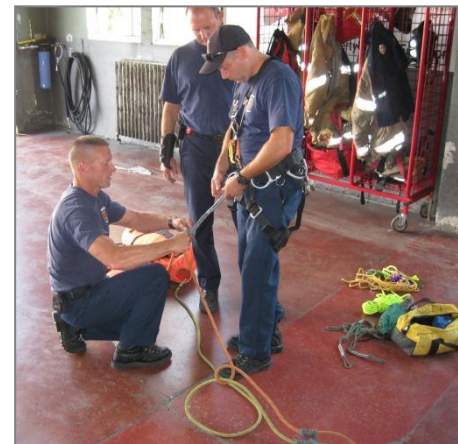
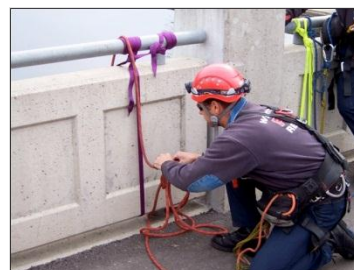
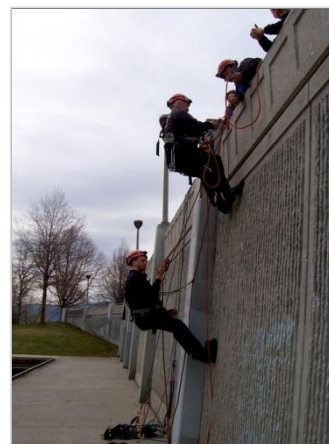


Auto Extrication Training

Personnel review operational safety and tactics for handling motor vehicle accidents and the extrication of victims. The City's growing traffic congestion and the dangers of new vehicle technology and hybrid vehicles requires on-going training in auto extrication.

Water Rescue Training

With the Columbia River, Wenatchee River, and numerous bodies of water in the area, the need for water rescues continues to increase. WAC 296-305-05009 requires proper training and personal flotation devices for personnel that engage in water rescue operations.



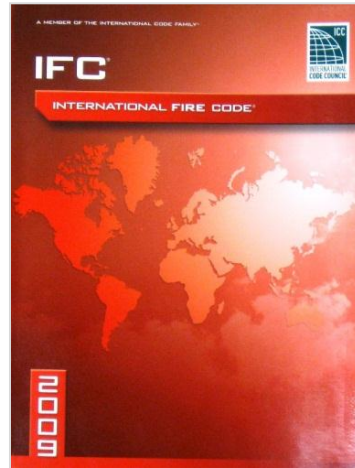
Rope Rescue Training

The need for technical rescue continues to grow as the population increases along with the outdoor recreational opportunities of our community. WAC 296-305-05005 (Rope Rescue Operations) requires proper training and qualifications for employees engaged in rope rescue operations.

Fire Prevention Inspections & Plan Review

International Fire Code

In July, 2010 the Wenatchee City Council officially adopted the 2009 International Fire Code (IFC). Fire and life safety code requirements are based on the IFC.



Fire and Life Safety Inspection Program

Every year the Department conducts **fire and life safety inspections** in commercial businesses, industry, and special occupancies throughout the City.

2010 Inspection and Permit Totals

Fire and Life Safety Inspections	1623
Fire Protection System Installation Inspections	27
Fuel Storage Tank Inspections	20
Fire Department Occupancy Permits	282

Plan Review Program

During the plan review process, the Fire Marshal works closely with the Planning, Building, Engineering, and Water Departments to ensure all new developments and buildings meet the intent of the International Fire and Building Codes and other applicable National Standards.

Plans for developments, buildings, fire sprinkler and alarm systems, commercial cooking suppression systems, and other specialized fire protection systems are reviewed.

There has been a decrease in building construction and fire protection system plan reviews because of the economic recession. However, permit fee revenue has remained constant as a result of the Central Washington Hospital construction project.

Total permit fee revenue for 2010 was **\$15,820**.

2010 Plan Review Totals

	2008	2009	2010
Fire Alarm Plan Reviews	19	12	13
Sprinkler System Plan Reviews	12	11	6
Commercial Cooking Operations	8	6	8



Builders & KPQ Home Shows



Fire Prevention Public Education

The most cost-effective way to prevent fires or injuries in our community is to **educate the public about fire safety and injury prevention**. A vital part of any effective fire or injury prevention program is an active public education effort. Wenatchee Fire and Rescue provides a variety of public education programs and partners with other public safety agencies and organizations in our community to provide thousands of contacts each year to audiences of all ages.

Activities

School Programs

Station Tours

Fire Safety Presentations & Fire Extinguisher Demonstrations

First Aid & CPR Classes

Child Passenger Safety Checks

Safe Kids Events

Smoke Detector Installations



Safety Program at Wenatchee Schools



First Aid & CPR Class at Wenatchee Public Works



Fire Safety Presentations & Station Tours

Fire Prevention

Fire Investigations

The fire investigation program is an important component of fire prevention. Fire investigations provide valuable information about the fire cause and factors that contribute to the spread of the fire and the property damage. Information on fire cause provides the foundation for effective intervention strategies to prevent future fires.



Intervention Strategies

Arson: arrest & conviction
Human error: public information & education
Product failures: product recalls
Code violations: inspection programs
Juvenile firesetters: education & counseling

2010 Extensive Fire Loss Fires

Date	Shift	Address	Property Type	Cause	Heat Source	Estimated Loss
January 31, 2010	A	630 North Chelan Ave	Commercial	Accidental	Electrical-bath fan	\$390,000
March 15, 2010	C	1004 Methow Street	Taco Truck	Unknown	Auto systems	10,000
March 15, 2010	C	500 N Emerson	Apartments	Accidental	Overheated towel-microwave	373,000
March 18, 2010	C	1209 Mission Street	Detached Garage	Accidental	Wood stove/chimney	50,000
March 18, 2010	C	1520 Trisha Way	Garage	Accidental	Electrical -battery charger	80,000
June 5, 2010	C	1803 Heritage Dr	Single Family Residence	Accidental	Heating pad	20,000
June 25, 2010	C	1703 Lincoln Park Cir	Vehicle Fire	Unknown		40,000
July 14, 2010	B	220 Antles	Bushes and out building	Unknown	Discarded smoldering material	10,000
July 22, 2010	C	Stevens & Wedgewood	Landscape trees	Accidental	Juvenile	
August 17, 2010	A	446 S Miller	Brush and truck	Arson	Juvenile with lighter	7,000
August 23, 2010	A	409 S Columbia	Warehouse	Accidental	Locomotive exhaust	10,000
September 13, 2010	B	525 Highland Dr	Fence	Unknown		2,000
October 2, 2010	A	20 N Wenatchee	Restaurant	Accidental	Cigarette butt	20,000
October 12, 2010	B	118 Charles	Landscape trees	Accidental	Juvenile	2,000
October 27, 2010	C	318 Idaho	Vehicle	Unknown		
October 28, 2010	D	5 Island View	Single Family Residence	Accidental	Faulty wiring	100,000
December 8, 2010	B	1226 Gossman	Single Family Residence	Accidental	Extension cord outside lights	80,000
December 18, 2010	A	717 Gellatly	Outbuilding	Accidental	Wood stove chimney	20,000
December 19, 2010	D	835 N Miller	Restaurant	Accidental	Electrical 4x4 box-HRC	70,000
December 31, 2010	A	1018 Yale	Single Family Residence	Accidental	Electrical--old wiring	8,000

2010 Estimated property loss \$1.29 million

Serving the Citizens of Wenatchee Since 1895 . . . A Look Back



100 Years Ago

In 1910 a fire station was built at 8 S. Mission.



50 Years Ago

The department added its first aid truck in 1960.

In 1963 there were 49 EMS calls compared to 1,783 calls in 2010.



Suggs Tire Fire - 1956



Wenatchee Lumber Fire - 1959



J. C. Penney Fire - 1963



Ballard Fire - 1979

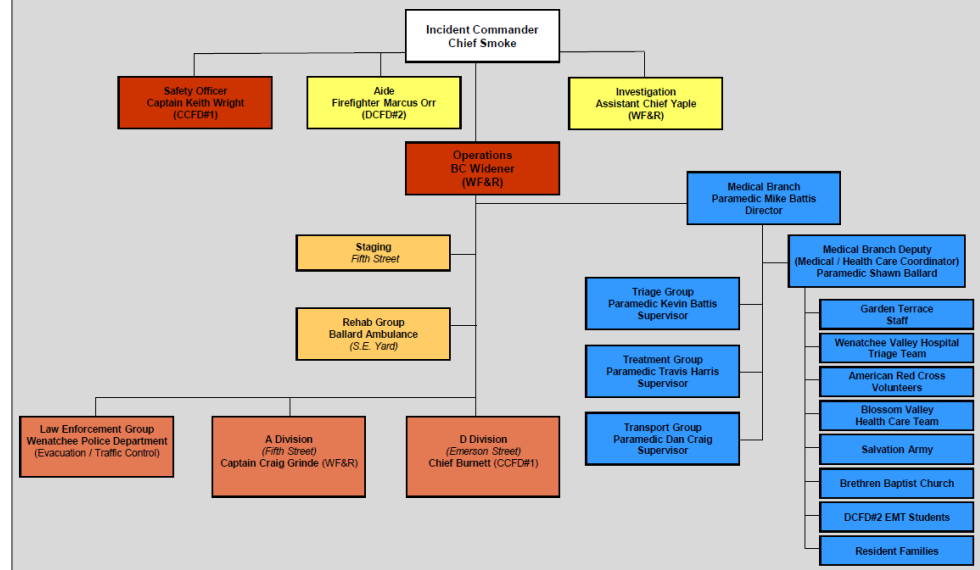
Major Events & News

Garden Terrace Fire

More than 60 firefighters from throughout Chelan and Douglas Counties responded to the second-alarm fatality fire at Garden Terrace on March 15th. Another 100 EMS, healthcare workers and volunteers also responded to help with the evacuation, triage, and care of the 146 residents. This incident reminded us of the importance of our automatic and mutual aid agreements and the strength of our partnerships when the community faces an emergency.



Garden Terrace Incident Command Organization

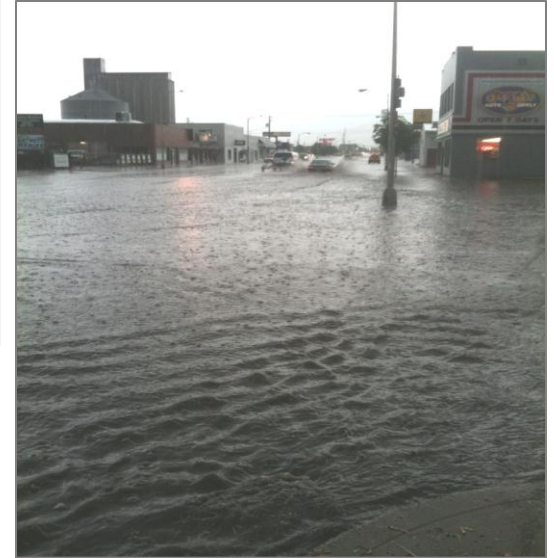


Major Events & News

July 28th Thunder Storm Flooding

On July 28th a storm pounded the Wenatchee Valley with heavy rains. The storm overwhelmed storm drains and caused flooding, road closures, and power failures. Emergency services responded to numerous calls related to the storm, and many homes along the storm drain system reported damages. City street crews began removing debris from the roads and replacing manhole lids to storm water drains immediately following the storm.

The day following the storm, public works crews continued clean-up of city streets and began inspections of storm water facilities.



Major Events & News



Auto Fire July 1st



Auto Accident March 12th



Heritage Haven June 5th



Trisha Way March 18th



Auto Fire January 19th



**North Chelan Avenue
January 31st**



South Mission March 18th

Numerous photos throughout the report provided courtesy of
Cary Ulrich Fire Images <http://cuphoto.zenfolio.com>

Major Events & News



Dairy Queen December 19th



**Columbia Street
August 23rd**



Island View October 28th



Gossman Lane December 8th



Gellatly Street December 18th



**Cherry Street
December 13th**



Auto Accident December 7th

2010 Good Citizen Awards



Garden Terrace Fire

On Thursday, April 8th five citizens were honored with Good Citizen Awards for their actions during the Garden Terrace fire in March.

Rebecca Hain responded to a call for help and pulled the burn victim from her apartment to safety. She also called 911 to report the fire and provide information to RiverCom about the victim.

Dahlton Stuber, Dylann Darnold, Glenn Hardie, and Mitch Torrel were driving by Garden Terrace and stopped to call 911, pull the fire alarm, and start alerting and evacuating residents before fire crews arrived.

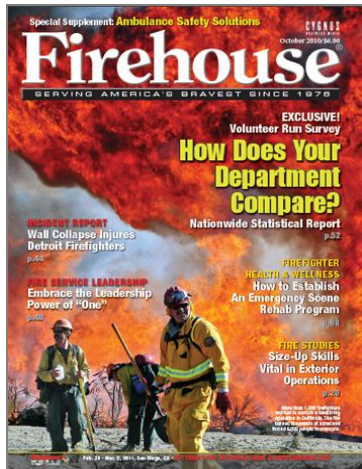


Firefighter Clint Webley received a Good Citizen Award for his actions assisting an injured child at the Tacoma Dome on February 20th.

The Apple Valley Red Cross also recognized Clint for his actions by naming him their "911 Hero."



Special Programs & Projects



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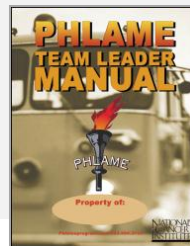
The October issue of Firehouse Magazine featured the 2009 Go USA Warehouse fire in the monthly "On the Job" column.

Eighty-four firefighters from 13 departments responded to a four-alarm fire that destroyed a warehouse under renovation in downtown Wenatchee, WA, on Saturday, June 20, 2009.

Oregon Health & Science University PHLAME Program

Wenatchee Fire & Rescue was one of 12 departments selected to participate in the Oregon Health & Science University PHLAME project. PHLAME is a health promotion program specifically for firefighters. Firefighters completing the PHLAME program eat healthier, are more physically active, have fewer injuries and reduce their risk of cancer, heart disease and diabetes.

The program was presented as part of the 2010 Safety Week "Fit 4 Duty" which encouraged personnel to focus on their health and wellness to enhance their ability to respond to emergencies.



Station Improvements

Through generous donations the department was able to make station repairs and technology improvements to help firefighters respond quickly and save valuable time.

The dispatch monitors installed at both fire stations allow personnel to view information as it is received by RiverCom and before it is dispatched by radio.

At the historic fire station on South Chelan Avenue, the two remaining fire poles were repaired and returned to service. The poles allow personnel to respond to the apparatus bay faster from the second story of the station.

Community Events



Apple Blossom Parade



Junior Service League
Touch-a-Truck event



Department personnel play a game
of donkey basketball as a Muscular
Dystrophy fundraiser



Wenatchee Wild
Guns & Hoses



Muscular Dystrophy
Fill the Boot

Polar Bear Plunge
for the Special
Olympics



Firefighters in Pink for breast cancer awareness



Christmas food & toy drive to benefit the
Women's Resource Center & Bruce Hotel



Community Events



Veteran's Day Barbecue

Firefighters Local #453 hosted the annual Veterans Day barbecue with an estimated 500 veterans and their families attending.



Fire & Ice Cream Social with the residents of Colonial Vista



National Night Out



Patriot Day, September 11, 2010

Wenatchee Fire & Rescue organized a Patriot Day ceremony to honor and remember those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001 and pay tribute to the men and women of the Armed Forces.



Cherry Creek Radio Stuff the Bus

2011 GOALS

An annual report on the activities of 2010 would not be complete without a look forward and plan for 2011.

- To maintain current operational service levels by maximizing fiscal efficiency and accountability
- To revise and update department policies to reflect organizational changes and quality improvement objectives (training, safety, emergency medical services, incident management)
- To maintain current fire prevention and code enforcement program and service levels
- To coordinate the City Emergency Management program and 2011 NIMS compliance
- To continue monthly joint training program with Chelan County Fire District #1 and Douglas County Fire District #2
- To assist the Regional Fire Authority (RFA) Planning Committee to develop a Wenatchee Valley RFA Plan with successful voter approval
- To develop and implement a community fire prevention and smoke detector program in partnership with the American Red Cross
- To coordinate the development and implementation of the Chelan/Douglas Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Plan